

SUES FOR ESTATE OF WIFE LEFT FOR A PRETTY RIVAL

Ross Denies Right of Aged Spouse From Whom He Elected to Change Will.

\$250,000 IS INVOLVED.

Other Woman in Case Called by Defense Tells of the Youthful "Romance."

The ashes of a romance almost a quarter of a century old were raised before Judge Aspinall in the Brooklyn Court of Equity today when in the suit of Ruben Ross for his wife's \$250,000 estate Laura H. Carpenter, formerly Laura H. Smith, a milliner's apprentice, was called to the stand. She eloped with Ross in 1875 soon after his marriage, when he was eighteen, to a woman of forty-four, and is now the wife of a Brooklyn lawyer. In testimony she told of her flight with Ross and her subsequent life with him in Philadelphia, whether his child's spouse joined them and had Ross imprisoned. Ross is trying to recover his wife's estate on the ground that immediately after their marriage, in 1875, each made a will leaving their property to each other. When Mrs. Ross died some time ago it was found she had made another will, leaving her estate to her nephew and niece.

Fled With Apprentice.

At the time Ross married her she was Elizabeth Cooper, and had a millinery shop at No. 24 Fifth avenue, Manhattan, to which the fashionable women of those days resorted for headgear. One of her apprentices was Laura Smith, then seventeen, and in the bloom of her remarkable beauty. Ross met the girl in the workshop of the shop and, like Mr. Mantel, flirted with her. They eloped after Ross had only lived a few months with his elderly wife. Ross lived with Laura Smith, who was known as Mrs. Ross, till 1893. During all this time they were married by the unrelenting wife. Ross admitted on the stand that he had served two prison terms on account of his infatuation.

Mrs. Ross in the mean time had instituted divorce proceedings and received a court order for alimony. This was later rescinded. Under the examination of Lawyer Lowenthal Ross admitted that in addition to the trouble he got into in Philadelphia he had been convicted in Brooklyn in 1885 of obtaining employment under a false name and had served six months for that offense.

Claims a "Contract."

Mrs. Carpenter was summoned to court today at Lawyer Lowenthal's instigation and had to tell her story on the witness stand. According to Ross, the couple had two children, one of whom is still living and is known as Harris Ross.

The suit of Ross has aroused a great deal of interest among lawyers, as its result will be far-reaching whether it goes for or against him. Ross stoutly maintains that only a few hours after the wedding he and his mature bride agreed to draw up the mutual wills, and that his wife's testament was to all intents and purposes a contract and not to be abrogated except by consent of both parties.

SCHARFF LOSES HIS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Mechanic Who Failed to Report to Probation Officer Must Return to Prison.

Joseph Scharff, the young mechanic who was sentenced to four years in Sing Sing by General Sessions Judge Mahone, and who subsequently sued out a writ of habeas corpus for his release, was today remanded back to the penitentiary by Supreme Court Justice Pitkin, on the ground that his relief was not properly through habeas corpus proceedings.

"The relator's relief is through an appeal to the Appellate Division or the Governor for executive clemency," Justice Pitkin ruled.

Scharff pleaded guilty to a charge of wronging a young girl on the promise of marriage. He was sentenced to the Elmira Reformatory, but his attorney appeared in court and he wedded her. Then he was paroled in the custody of a probation officer.

Later, it was alleged, Scharff violated his parole by going to the probation officer as he had agreed, and he was taken before Judge Mahone, who was then held to Sing Sing on the old charge.

Mrs. Scharff, a woman-faced little woman, who appeared in court with her husband, said that the probation officer misunderstood a request she had made, and that this resulted in Scharff's incarceration.

Counsel for Scharff contends that his imprisonment is illegal, as his marriage to the woman he was accused of abducting had absolved him from possession under the law.

SOUND SCHEDULE RETAINED.

N. Y. and N. H. Boats Will Make No Change in Running.

NEW HAVEN, March 17.—According to an official statement, the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company will make no change in its summer schedule of Sound boats to meet the competition of outside lines.

STAGE HERO WHO HAD A ROW OVER HIS LAUNDRY BILL.



AUBREY BOUCICAULT.

PINING FOR HUSBAND, SHE TRIES SUICIDE

Ship Captain's Wife Shoots Herself, but Has Chance to Recover.

A dependent because of the continued absence of her husband at sea, Mrs. Mary Geary, twenty-three years old, attempted to kill herself today by shooting herself in the left breast, the bullet passing clear through the body. The woman was removed to the German Hospital by Dr. Stadler, and there it is said she has a fair chance to recover.

Mrs. Geary lives with her mother at No. 121 George street, Williamsburg. She has been married six years ago and six weeks ago her husband sailed for Southern waters on the ship he commands. His wife is always depressed when he is away and since his recent departure she had been more dependent than usual.

This morning, her mother hearing a shot fired in the room her daughter occupied, entered the room and found the young wife lying on the bed, fully dressed, with a pistol clutched in her hand.

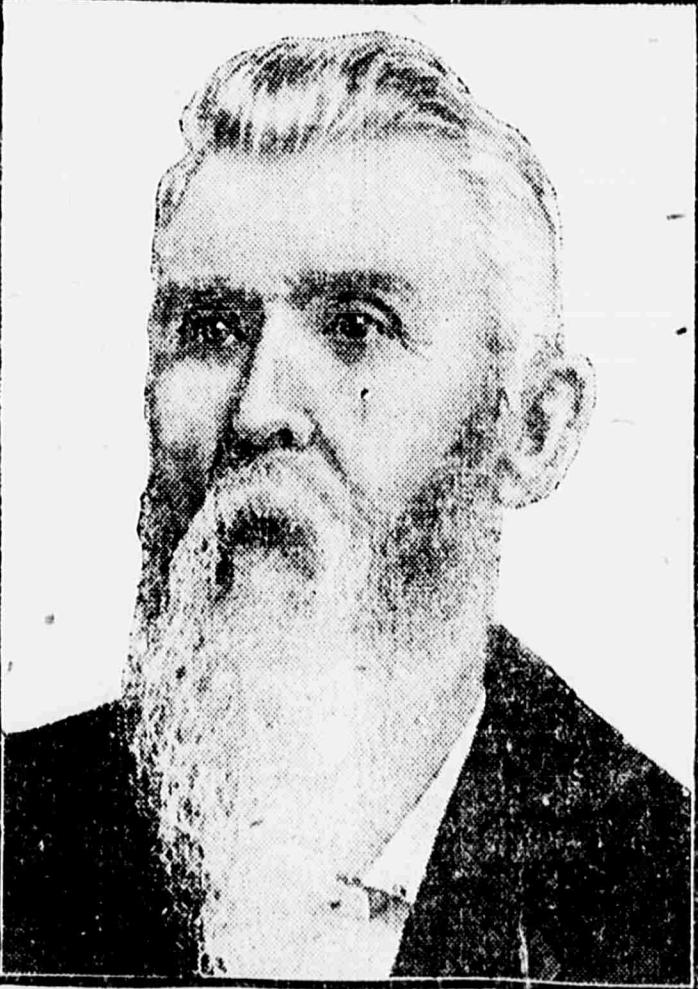
WINDSOR FIRE 10 YEARS AGO

St. Patrick's Day Paraders Saw Blaze That Cost Many Lives.

The great Windsor Hotel fire, with its appalling loss of life and its many spectacular incidents, occurred ten years ago this afternoon. The St. Patrick's Day parade was passing the hotel, which stood in Fifth avenue between Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets, and the windows of the building were crowded with persons viewing the passing marchers when a fire was discovered in the ceiling on the office floor.

Within a few minutes escape was cut off by way of the staircase. When the firemen arrived people were beginning to drop from the windows. The parade was halted and tens of thousands of spectators blocking Fifth avenue and cross streets saw the firemen clamber up ladders and rescue scores of imperiled persons. The hotel was destroyed and the Windsor Arcade now stands on the site it occupied.

Helped Build Lincoln's Cottage Only 35 Years Old in Spirit



MR. ANDY LEWIS FILLINGER, 84 YEARS OLD.

Mr. Andy Lewis Fillinger, of Danville, Ill., who is 84 years old, and helped to build a cottage for Abraham Lincoln about 1855, says he has been using Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey since that time as a tonic medicine with entire satisfaction. He feels like a man of 35.

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ACTOR BOUCICAULT IS FINED \$2 FOR STRIKING A BOY

Display of Righteous Indignation Over Arrest Fails to Impress Court.

LAUNDRY BILL ROW.

Stage Hero Said Arrest Was an Outrage and a Travesty on Justice.

When Aubrey Boucicault, arrested last night charged with beating and choking a fifteen-year-old laundry boy who tried to collect a bill of \$0.19 from him, was arraigned before Magistrate Carrigan, in the West Side Court, today there was a great display of injured dignity and righteous indignation by the actor.

"My arrest," said he, "was a travesty on justice and an outrage. What liberty is there in a city when a mere laundry messenger may go out upon the streets and summon a policeman to enter the home of one who bears an honored name to drag him to prison? Why, they put me in a cell with common criminals for two hours before I could summon friends to bail me out. It was quite ridiculous, but nevertheless it was annoying. I shall cause an investigation by the authorities, and I shall make every effort to have discipline applied to this man who arrested me."

The Boy With the Bill.

Joseph Baker, of No. 14 West Thirtieth street, the laundry errand boy, told how he was sent by his employer to Boucicault's boarding-house, at No. 23 West Forty-eighth street, with instructions to collect that \$0.19 before delivering the week's wash.

Joseph said that Boucicault at first pretended that a boy couldn't be trusted with so much money and finally thrust him out of the room. The boy did not dare go back to the laundry without the wash or the money and stood around the hall and huddled. When the policeman arrived, Boucicault choked him and pushed him downstairs. Hence the policeman.

Carrigan, the policeman in question, said that the boy's appearance and apparent fright and grief convinced him that a crime had been committed, and that he felt perfectly justified in entering the Boucicault boarding-house. Boucicault's conduct thereafter confirmed his opinion, he said. Inasmuch as the charge brought by the boy—that of assault—had been withdrawn at the request of the landlady, he insisted on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Such an Annoying Jest.

"You see," observed the actor to the Magistrate, "it would all be a jest were it not so annoying."

"See here," said the Magistrate in a tone that made Boucicault jump. "This is no joke. In fact, you are very fortunate that this boy and his employer have been willing to withdraw the charge of assault against you. People with postponed antecedents aren't licensed in this community to choke fifteen-year-old boys because there is a question regarding a laundry bill of \$0.19. The less you have to say about the matter the better. You are fined \$2." Boucicault paid the fine.

STEEL TRUST REPORTS DECREASE OF EARNINGS.

Net Profits Show Loss for Year of \$70,000,000 and Surplus \$5,000,000, Against 1907.

The United States Steel Corporation issued a report today for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1908, which shows a pronounced falling off in earnings and surplus.

The gross earnings decreased \$275,000,000, as compared with 1907, the net earnings decreased about \$70,000,000 in like comparison, and the surplus decreased nearly \$5,000,000, as compared with 1907.

ENDS HER LIFE BY POISON.

Housewife Finds Body of Suicide Wife on Dining-Room Floor.

Mrs. Gretchen Robarg, forty-seven years old, of No. 1019 Washington street, Hoboken, committed suicide early today by taking carbolic acid. She was found dead on the dining-room floor by her husband, who called the police. The body had been found in a room which had contained carbolic acid beside her. The husband said that when she retired last night she appeared to be in good spirits and he could not account for her suicide. She leaves two children.

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See Center Cut, \$10.75
The popular "Two-in-One" cape; it may be worn as a full circular known as the "Billie Burke," or draped, forming the "Toga" model; black satin turn-over collar with gold embroidery; in light evening shades and black.

See Figure at Right, \$8.50
It is a copy of an imported cape made of exquisite shades of broadcloth with draped stock and tie of black liberty satin; collar fastens with loops and buttons; a new feature: tan, gray, rose, helio, reseda and cadet blue.

(Siegel Cooper Store, Second Floor, Front)

For Details of the Following Sales See Tonight's Journal:

Women's Beautiful Spring Suits at \$25 and \$18.50; and Satin Dresses at \$16.50. Extraordinary early season values that cannot be matched.

Sale of Women's Lingerie Waists at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.95 and \$2.95.

Women's Petticoats of Taffeta or Messaline.

U. S. Army Shoes for Men, \$1.98.

Pianos, Victor Talking Machines, and Edison Phonographs on easy part payment terms.

Sheet music at 10c.

These Early Days Are the Best Days for Choosing Your Spring Hat

THE choice will never be larger than it is now, nor will the prices be lower. In fact, there is a distinct advantage in both variety and price to those who buy their hats early, for the very best ideas are the first snapped up and many of them are not duplicated, while as to prices we do our part to encourage early buying.

It seems scarcely necessary to say all this in view of the fact that you ARE buying early. We sold more hats last Monday than on any day during the entire season last year.

This Is the Largest Showing We Think You Have Ever Seen

We have never, at any time in any year, shown as many hats as are now on view here. But that's only a part of the story. Large variety is good—it gives you a freer choice and a better chance to get the exact shape and the precisely-right combination of colors that suit you. But better even than the large variety is the factor of beauty and becomingness. And these are the hand-some hats—as well as the most in number—that you think any New York store has ever had at one time.

Prices begin at \$5. You know what our \$5 line has been—it's better than ever this Spring. Prices range upward to \$75. All prices are sensible and reasonable.

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ASSORTED PICTURES—in veneer oak frames; each one worth 15c; 8c
LANDSCAPES—in gilt frames with gilt mats to represent water colors; 25c
CHRISTY PICTURES—each one matted; in 1-inch black frames; about 6 subjects; at..... 45c
COPIES OF FAMOUS PAINTINGS—graveure pictures; each one matted, with antique gilt frame; at..... 49c
SOILED PICTURES—closing out a few hurt pictures, valued up to \$1; 29c
ETCHINGS—colored pictures; in choice matted frames; special at..... 95c
HAND-COLORED PICTURES—in 3-inch gilt frames; values up to \$1; 15c
LANDSCAPES—in ornamental gilt frames; choice of \$2.75, picture at..... \$1.95
ETCHINGS—in 1-inch dark frames; choice selected subjects; at..... \$2.25
LIBRARY AND HALL PICTURES—Colosseum and Forum; in 4-inch dark, built-in frames; value \$5; at..... \$3.25
HAND-COLORED PICTURES—in hand-some gilt ornamental frames with bow-knot ornament in center; \$3.50
20-30 ETCHINGS OR COLORED LANDSCAPES—in cheap gilt and gold-matted frames; special at..... \$3.50
PHOTOGRAPHS—in green gilt or matted frames; at..... \$6.75 & \$8
HAND-COLORED PHOTOGRAPHS—large size; popular subjects; in hand-some gilt frames; special at..... \$10.50
OIL PAINTINGS—in gilt frames; hand-some; ornamental; glass and eucalyptus box; regularly \$7; at..... \$5.95
SHEEP AND CATTLE SUBJECTS—in deep gilt and gold-matted frames; regularly \$10.50; at..... \$8.50
LANDSCAPES, MARINES, SHEEP AND CATTLE SUBJECTS—newly made 12-24 gilt frames; glass and eucalyptus box; regularly \$10.75; at..... \$10.75

Oil Paintings \$17.50
In deep gilt and gold-matted frames; about 6 subjects; 17.50
For one set with regular 850 oil paintings of sheep and cattle subjects; hand-some deep gilt frames; hand-ornamented; glass and eucalyptus box; at..... \$37.50

(Siegel Cooper Store, Third Floor, Center)

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We ask you less than half price for high class and up-to-the-minute, desirable-in-style shoes. This extraordinary and timely offering is the result of the bankruptcy of two large shoe concerns.

\$1.95 for \$4 Shoes—best, new, spring and summer style in best leathers, made with welled soles, tan or black calf or kid; also patent leathers. Your choice of kid or cloth tops. Full range of sizes.

\$1.50 Shoes for Big Boys, 98c
Good styles, made to withstand plenty of wear; kidskin, lace only; sturdy leather soles; all sizes

(Siegel Cooper Store, Second Floor, Rear)

House Dresses and Aprons

You wouldn't think it possible to sell garments like these at the prices we name here—for they are made of extra good material and are finished in a very neat and thorough manner.

House Dresses—of striped percale Aprons—for maids and waitresses, and shepherd check; made with shirt waist and skirt; the waist is prettily tucked; bishop sleeves; separate skirt; five-gored skirt, with deep hem; special at..... 98c
House Dresses—made in one- and two-piece styles; some buttoned down back; high or low neck; priced at \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.95, and up to \$2.95

Of lawn; finished with ruffle and strings; at..... 19c
Of lawn; dotted Swiss and cross-bar; at..... 25c
Of lawn; with embroidered bretelles; at..... 49c
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Whole Head Rice The kind that cooks white and fluffy; 10 lb. 35c; 5 lb. 21c	Affinity Soap Sold nearly everywhere; 12c; all you want here at a bar..... 3c	Washing Powder Haze brand; Granulated Soap; 16c
CHOW CHOW , 10 lb. wooden box; 21c 25c bottle..... 21c IMPORTED SARDINES—4oz. 10c; 5c POULTRY WHEAT CREAM—12c NEW MACARONI—4oz. 10c; 5c NEW MACARONI—ANCHOVISED—35c HARD PREMIUM FLOUR—10c; 5c	SANTA CLARA PRUNES —5 lb. 25c; 10 lb. 41c LAWSON'S BEST PEARS—doz. 18c BRIGGS' JUICY LEMONS—4 doz. 25c ORANGE MARMALADE—Harris's (best); 10 lb. 50c; 5 lb. 25c SALT SODA—Best granulated; 5 lb. 9c; 10 lb. 18c YELLOW SPILT PEAS—white kidney beans; 10 lb. 10c; 5 lb. 5c MARZO BEANS; Scotch green peas; imported; 10 lb. 10c; 5 lb. 5c HAZEL SAFETY MATCHES—gross 34c; 10 lb. 10c; 5 lb. 5c FOUNTAIN BLUE FLOUR—6 pkgs. 10c; 12 pkgs. 18c NEW LIMA BEANS—green split; 10 lb. 10c; 5 lb. 5c; 3 lb. 3c	POPULAR BLEND COFFEES —4 25c SNIDER'S CHILI SAUCE—10c ARGO RED SALMON—doz. \$1.50; 12 doz. 15c GOLDEN SANTOS COFFEE—6lb 16c CANDY TRAYS—Formosa Guinea or Goring's 5 lb. \$1.05; 3 lb. \$1.15 OPALINE SILVER POLISH—reg. 18c
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